

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7604

Petition of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.,)
for a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant to)
30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing the)
replacement of the Jay Peak Tap Transmission)
facility and the relocation of the existing 46 kV)
transmission lines to the new facility in the)
Town of Jay, Vermont)

Order entered: 4/9/2010

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

A prehearing conference was convened in this docket on April 8, 2010. The following parties entered appearances: Joslyn L. Wilschek, Esq., Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, for Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC"); Geoffrey Commons, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"); and Cielo Marie Mendoza, Esq., for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources ("ANR").

Intervention

On March 18, 2010, Jean-Francois Bertrand and Fabienne Clement filed a motion to intervene in this docket. Mr. Bertrand and Ms. Clement appeared at the prehearing conference and were asked by the Hearing Officer to confirm their intention to intervene. They responded that they no longer wished to intervene in this proceeding and that their concerns regarding the proposed project were satisfactorily addressed by VEC. Therefore, I deem that Mr. Bertrand and Ms. Clement have withdrawn their motion to intervene. No other potential parties were present or identified at the prehearing conference who wished to seek intervention in this proceeding. This Order sets a deadline of June 1, 2010, for such requests.

I. SCHEDULE

The primary topic of discussion was the schedule for this proceeding. VEC distributed a proposed schedule to the parties setting out the goal of filing a Stipulation and Proposal for Decision with the Board by July 1, 2010, with a tentative date for a technical hearing to be held on July 14, 2010. The Department and ANR agreed with VEC's proposed schedule, and with the Hearing Officer's recommendation that the site visit and public hearing be scheduled for May 18, 2010.

After discussion with the parties, I have adopted and modified the schedule as set forth below:

April 8, 2010	Prehearing Conference
May 18, 2010	Site Visit/Public Hearing (subject to confirmation by the Clerk's Office)
May 21, 2010	First round of discovery by DPS and ANR
May 28, 2010	Responses to first round of DPS and ANR discovery
June 1, 2010	Deadline for Intervention Motions (Motions may be filed at any time prior to the deadline. Other parties shall file responses to such motions within 7 calendar days of the date the motion is filed.)
June 17, 2010	Second round of DPS and ANR discovery; first round of discovery by any parties granted intervention
June 24, 2010	Responses to discovery requests
July 1, 2010	Status report due from VEC. If the parties file a Stipulation and Proposal for Decision on this date, then a hearing date will be set to accept the evidence. If the parties cannot stipulate, the parties shall file a proposed or stipulated schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.
July 14, 2010	Technical Hearing (Tentative)

II. FILING OF DOCUMENTS

Parties shall file an original and three (3) copies of all documents. In addition, parties must provide an electronic copy of all testimony, motions and responses, and briefs (e-mail submission is acceptable to psb.clerk@state.vt.us). If the electronic filings are submitted in .pdf format, they must be submitted in a form that permits the Board and other parties to search the document and extract text.

So ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 9th day of April, 2010.

s/Jay E. Dudley

Jay E. Dudley
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: April 9, 2010

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney

Deputy Clerk of the Board

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